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## NATURAL LAW, POLITICS EXPLAIN SAUCERS

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(Interview with Prof. Jozsef Oveges and Journalists Gomori and Tibor Peto on Flying Saucers)

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Prof. Oveges said: "The legend of the flying saucers cropped up after the war, when they were described as a secret weapon. According to another opinion the flying saucer was a spaceship coming from another planet--usually Mars--carrying normal beings. What is the opinion of (scientists) about this?

"Is it possible that the flying saucer is a rocket launched from the earth? It is true that experiments with rocket weapons are being made and that results have been attained, but for such a distance and in such small dimensions as are said of the flying saucer, one could (launch) a rocket only with atomic energy. Today it is still a technical impossibility to use atomic energy for jet propulsion. It is therefore impossible that the flying saucer phenomenon is a rocket of earthly origin.

"Is it possible that the saucer is a spaceship coming from another planet? Theoretically it is not impossible at all to create a spaceship with the use of atomic energy. Therefore, theoretically it is also possible that the inhabitants of another planet could reach our globe. Is it probable that this did in fact happen? On no account. Had they really descended on earth, as was believed on a great many occasions, would not they have left some lasting trace of their visit? Is it not a rather curious coincidence that these legends emerged at a time when atomic energy was discovered?

"Let us assume that many trustworthy people did see something like a saucer flying in the air. What can be the explanation? Situations may occur in the atmosphere in which luminous patches, stationary or moving, appear. With a pinch of imagination these can be taken for ~~saucers~~--for instance the light of a car-reflector moving up a hill, some other mirage-like reflection, or the passing of dark clouds beneath illuminated clouds. The ordinary meteor which passed over Hungary a few days ago added fuel to such stories of flying saucers. Bigger and more splendid meteors had been seen in the past, but in those days the person who described them as flying saucers or a spaceship would have been ridiculed."

Gomori wanted to speak about the political aspect of the question, and wondered why these stories have come up now and so fitfully. "There are situations in which imperialism, the forces of war, need mass hysteria."

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Thus the first saucers appeared in U.S. skies in the year of the Marshall Plan: this was the great and brutal changes in U.S. foreign policy toward an open (aggressive attitude toward the USSR). In 1952, the year of most violent warmongering, some (12,200) flying saucers were seen.

There is, however, a flaw in this theory: Why the present recurrence of the stories, since international tension has been receding yet the number of saucers seen has been mounting? (The aim today is to intimidate the French people)

Peto said that from the point of view of physics the explanation lies in natural phenomena. "As to the political side of the flying saucers, I believe we can state that it concerns the creation of an organized wave of (mass) hysteria." As regards the future of the saucers, Peto was rather doubtful that they would suddenly disappear from the skies. One may reckon that after the saucer other parts of the cup will make an appearance, but by then the people will know better (what to think).